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SUBJECT: MANLEY LAMBASTS CAPITALISM AND REAFFIRMS

SOCIALISM FOR JAMAICA

1. IN AN EMOTIONAL SPEECH TO A PNP RALLY YESTERDAY
IN THE KINGSTON GHETTO, P. M. MANLEY ATTACKED CAPITALISM
AS THE SYSTEM WHICH BROUGHT SLAVERY TO JAMAICA AND
UNDER WHICH THE COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED FOR 300 YEARS.

"NO WAY SHALL CAPITALISM CONTINUE IN JAMAICA. THE
DAY OF CAPITALISM IS OVER. WE ARE GOING TO BUILD A
SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTRY. . . " HE PROMISED THAT
WHEN HE HAS FINISHED THE JOB OF SOCIALIST RECONSTRUCTION,
"THE LITTLE CHAMPIONS OF CAPITALISM WILL RUN AND HIDE."

2. DECRYING THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION WHICH
WAS ALLOWED TO EXIST BY PREVIOUS "CAPITALIST"
GOVERNMENTS OF JAMAICA, MANLEY ANNOUNCED THAT NEXT YEAR
A LAW WOULD BE

INTRODUCED DURING THE 1975 SUGAR CROP
THAT WILL PROVIDE THAT THE 11,000 SUGAR WORKERS WHO
HAVE NO JOB DURING THE OUT OF SEASON PERIOD ARE
PROVIDED WITH JOBS BY THE ESTATES. IN THE ABSENCE OF
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THIS THE STATE WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH JOBS. REPLYING

TO CRITICS OF THE SPECIAL WORKS PROGRAM, WHICH HAS PUT MANY OF THE UNEMPLOYED TO WORK CLEANING STREETS, THE P.M. DECLARED THAT NEXT YEAR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FINDING TASKS ALL OVER THE CITY AND THE WORKERS COULD REST ASSURED THAT THEY WERE "PERMANENT WORKERS IN JAMAICA. UNDER THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM, NO WAY SHALL THE CRASH PROGRAM STOP IN JAMAICA."

3. REFERRING TO HIS JLP POLITICAL OPPONENTS, SHEARER AND SEAGA AS SUPPORTERS OF CAPITALISM, MANLEY SAID HE WAS GOING TO "WHIP" BOTH OF THEM WITH SOCIALISM. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD SPELL OUT FROM "A TO Z" THE PNP'S SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY AT A MASS PUBLIC POLITICAL EDUCATION RALLY TO BE HELD AT THE PARADE ON NOVEMBER 21.

4. FOLLOW-UP SPEAKERS TO THE P.M. WENT EVEN HEAVIER ON THE POLITICAL RHETORIC. MINISTER OF STATE DUDLEY THOMPSON LABELED CAPITALISM A "CANNIBALISTIC ORGAN," ADDING THAT "UNDER THIS GOVERNMENT WE ARE GOING TO BURY CAPITALISM IN THIS COUNTRY."

5. COMMENT: A DESULTORY DEBATE ON "SOCIALISM" HAS BENN GOING ON IN THE LOCAL MEDIA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. VAGUELY WORDED STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS ABOUT GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS HAVE PROVIDED A FIELD DAY FOR THE OPPOSITION TO INTERPRET "SOCIALISM" IN TERMS INTENDED TO INCREASE THE UNEASE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND HAVE LED TO DEMANDS FOR CLARIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. IT LOOKS LIKE P.M. HAS NOW DECIDED TO TAKE OFF THE GLOVES AND MAKE "SOCIALISM" A MAJOR ISSUE. HIS ARRARENT DECISION TO DO SO LENDS GREATER CREDENCE TO RUMORS THAT THE PNP IS AIMING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION IN JANUARY TO BE FOUGHT ON THE ISSUE OF SOCIALISM FOR JAMAICA. GERARD

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